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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing of the Research and Development Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. The Research and Development Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy with Mr. Melvin Price (D., Illinois) as Chairman, received a briefing from CIA and Air Force representatives for approximately two hours on 8 January 1959. The subject was the status of the Soviet nuclear-powered airplane. Present from CIA were Dr. Scoville, [] and John Warner. Attached is a Committee document giving a listing of all witnesses. Present from the Joint Committee were: Representatives Melvin Price, Carl Durham (D., N. C.), James VanZandt (R., Pa.), Craig Hosmer (R., Calif.), Wayne Aspinall (D., Colo.), and Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.). A transcript was taken in executive session.

3. The Air Force representatives gave a somewhat detailed presentation on the subject and responded to a number of specific questions. Dr. Scoville then furnished the intelligence community view pointing out the present reservations by Air Force and Navy. This did not seem to cause any particular concern in the minds of the Committee members.

4. There were a number of reporters waiting when the meeting adjourned and Mr. Price was attempting to answer their questions when we left. Attached is a prepared statement which Mr. Price made available to the press.

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